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CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

External Affairs Committee

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 N.W. 1st Street

10th Floor CITT Conference Room

9 a.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson

Miles Moss, P.E.

Hon. James Reeder

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Maria Arista-Volsky

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT

Nestor Toledo, OCITT

Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

John Prats, OCITT

Virginia Diaz, OCITT

Patty David, OCITT

Michael De Cossio, Chief, MDT Marketing

Lyn Harris, MDT

Patty David, OCITT

Lourdes Gomez, MDT

Erigene Belony, MDT

Peter Rapp, MMA

Theejunia Adams, OCITT

Maria E. Johnson, OCITT

ROLL CALL

Ms. Zilber called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. She stated that due to a lack of quorum the approval of the agenda and minutes would be deferred.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deferred to the June 15, 2005 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 26, 2005

Deferred to the June 15, 2005 meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

Municipal Surtax Distribution

Ms. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT, reported that she met with Mr. Alex Munoz, the Assistant County Manager, to discuss new municipalities joining the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Ms. Markowitz also stated that new municipalities can negotiate with the

County to receive surtax proceeds from its 80% portion. Ms. Markowitz will keep the committee posted.

Mr. Reeder brought up a concern regarding the Maintenance of Effort. Ms. Markowitz replied that there is a pending amendment to address the issue, along with other concerns that have been raised.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Municipal Workshop – Virginia Diaz, OCITT

Ms. Diaz stated that a Municipal Workshop has been scheduled for June 24, 2005. (A copy of the draft agenda was distributed.) Ms. Diaz stated the focus was for the different municipalities to showcase its projects and accomplishments using surtax funds. Ms. Diaz went over the upcoming agenda for the Florida Municipal Workshop. Ms. Markowitz added that the workshop would be held at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Auditorium located, at State Road 836 and the Turnpike.

Ms. Diaz also reported on the newly developed method for municipalities to submit transportation plans online.

B. Federal/ State Legislative Update – Lyn Harris, MDT & Joe Rasco, OIA

Ms. Lyn Harris, Special Assistant, MDT, announced the reauthorization of the TEA-21. She stated that MDT has reached the point where the language requested for the MIA/Intermodal Earlington Heights Center has now been included in the Senate version of the bill. MDT staff is working with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and other members of the delegation to include the word 'shall.' Changing the language for the two corridors would credit \$50,000,000 from the North and \$50,000,000 from the East/West Corridors, resulting in \$50,000,000 less from the People's Transportation Plan to cover. She further stated that all of the corridors have been reauthorized. All of MDT's funding sources have been identified and they have been allocated thus far; however, these numbers are expected to improve.

Ms. Harris stated that ridership numbers for the North Corridor have been updated. Studies have been conducted on the ridership between Broward and Miami-Dade County. MDT will provide the new ridership numbers to FTA in early June for the North Corridor. Afterward, it is anticipated that there will be a request for additional funding.

Ms. Harris reported that the State Legislative session has concluded. There is a pilot program "Busing our Children" currently in process, and provisions have been drafted for the Department of Transportation's approval and start by the end of August. MDT was successful in passing the Medicaid Transportation Disadvantaged Bill. This is not Special Transportation Service, just a Medicaid piece asking the State of Florida to normalize the amount of money that was received based on the number of patrons served. During the meeting in July, the final form of funding will be determined.

Mr. Miles Moss joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

C. MDT Marketing Plan & Upcoming Activities – Mike De Cossio, MDT

Ms. Markowitz stated that at the Regional Transportation Committee meeting, she and Mr. Bradley, the Director of MDT, committed to the chair and its members, that there would be no duplication of marketing efforts between MDT and the CITT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Zilber announced that the next External Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the External Affairs Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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